

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES, ex rel. RICKEY HOWARD, BRINGING THIS ACTION ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

PLAINTIFF

VS.

CASE NO. 7:11-cv-270-H

CADDELL CONSTRUCTION
COMPANY, INC., an Alabama
Corporation; W.G. YATES &
SONS CONSTRUCTION
COMPANY, a Mississippi
Corporation and JULIAN
MARIE BRESLOW

DEFENDANTS

DEPOSITION OF CLEETUS MCHENRY

Taken at the instance of the Plaintiffs, at Phelps Dunbar at 4270 I-55 North, Jackson, Mississippi, on Thursday, April 6, 2017, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

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- 1 between Power Mulch and S.T. Wooten ever cross your
- 2 desk?
- 3 A. I'm sure it did.
- 4 Q. Did you read it?
- 5 A. The contract?
- Q. Yeah.
- 7 A. If it came across my desk I read it.
- 8 Q. Did you understand that Power Mulch was
- 9 required to use S.T. Wooten to perform the bridge
- 10 construction work?
- 11 A. I don't remember the specific language. I
- 12 know -- I do know that S.T. Wooten was the bridge
- 13 contractor.
- Q. And the same with the food service vendor,
- 15 a company called Hawk I think out of Atlanta?
- 16 A. Yeah, I don't -- I don't remember -- it's
- 17 been a while since I looked at the contracts. I
- 18 don't remember that it -- as it -- I don't remember
- 19 it specifically saying that, but that's -- if you --
- 20 if you have it and you've seen it, then it says what
- 21 it says.
- Q. Do you remember what the fee that was paid
- 23 to Power Mulch for passing that contract through to
- 24 S.T. Wooten was, what amount -- what percentage
- 25 amount they received for that?

- 1 MR. TRAPP: Object to the form.
- 2 THE WITNESS: I would say that there were
- 3 -- there -- as you mentioned, there were several. I
- 4 don't specifically remember the rates at this point.
- 5 I know the range of what they were, so...
- 6 Q. (By Mr. Rabon) What was the range?
- 7 A. I would say it's just probably 1 to
- 8 2-and-a-half, possibly 3 percent.
- 9 Q. So there's times that you met with Kim
- 10 Vallone. Did you tell her that these companies like
- 11 Power Mulch were not actually involved in
- 12 engineering and building the bridge, they were
- 13 simply passing through the work to an S.T. Wooten?
- MR. TRAPP: Object to the form.
- 15 THE WITNESS: We -- we met with Kim
- 16 Vallone and explained our program in detail. And we
- 17 did explain that we had a bridge contractor that was
- 18 working with a small business and that the small
- 19 business would be managing the overall process, but
- 20 would not be performing the actual labor and work on
- 21 those contracts.
- Q. (By Mr. Rabon) Did you tell her that they
- 23 were managing the project?
- 24 A. That they were managing the project?
- 25 O. Yeah.